



# New Castle Crier

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## New No Smoking Policy proposed for City parks

To address the adverse affects of second-hand smoke, with an emphasis on protecting children, the New Castle City Council is proposing a new No Smoking Policy, to go into effect later this summer. With support from the Battery Park Committee and the Trustees of the New Castle Common, who also serve as the Battery Park Commission, the No Smoking Policy proposes to include the parks in the neighborhoods of Buttonwood, Penn Valley, Shawtown (Susi Park), Bull Hill,

Van Dyke and Dobbinsville. For Battery Park the No Smoking area includes the playground, basketball courts and public restrooms. These

measures will not only help protect park patrons, but will also set a positive example for young people in our community.

### *Last chance to apply for 2011 tax exemptions*

Applications are now being accepted for the Over 65 or Disability property tax exemption. To make an appointment, at the convenience of the taxpayer, call Marian Delaney at 322-9811.

The maximum yearly income requirements are \$15,000 for a single person and \$30,000 for a married couple. Social Security income is not counted toward the minimum. The last day to apply is June 15th.

The next  
regular  
**City Council**  
meeting is 7 p.m.,  
Tues., June 14 at  
Town Hall

### **City News and Notes**

City Council will be holding Budget Workshops in June.

See the City Web site,  
[www.NewCastleCity.org](http://www.NewCastleCity.org),  
for meeting dates,  
times and agendas.

City Public Works crews will  
begin summer hours,  
working from 6 a.m. to 2:30  
p.m., on Tuesday, May 31.  
*This includes trash collection!*

### **See Back Page for Recreation Program info.**

### **June Events**

### **New Castle Historical Society Annual Garden Party**

**Wednesday, June 8, 6 to 8 p.m.**

Light refreshments and drinks  
are included with admission to the party!

\$25 Members ☞ \$30 Non-Members

Reservations Required: 322-2794 ☞ [www.NewCastleHistory.org](http://www.NewCastleHistory.org)

### **Separation Day In Historic New Castle**

**Sat., June 11 beginning with the Parade at 11 a.m.**

**Battery Park Festivities from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.**

### **Fireworks Finale at 9:30!**

**Celebrate the 50th Season of**

**Show Time in Battery Park**

**Musical Magic by the Riverside**

**Free Wednesday Concert Series at 7 p.m.**

June 22 ★ Sin City ★★ June 29 ★ Newark Community Band

**Presented by the New Castle Hundred Lions Club**

## *New Castle – The First Capital City!*

# Code Enforcement Corner

To reach the Code Enforcement Officer, call 323-6081. Complaint forms are available at the City offices or on the City Web site at: [www.NewCastleCity.org](http://www.NewCastleCity.org). Complaints are handled on a confidential basis. If feedback and/or updates are requested, however, a name, address and phone number need to be provided with the complaint.

## ***This month's highlights and general reminders...***

### ***City Trees***

- No person shall, without written permission of the City Forester, remove, destroy, break, cut or deface any tree growing in the public right-of-way or any tree on public lands. A tree is defined as those portions of defined vegetation which grow above grade, as well as root systems growing below grade.
- No person shall directly or indirectly permit any toxic chemical or any toxic substance to seep or drain or be emptied on or about any tree growing in the public right-of-way or any tree growing on public lands.
- No person shall directly or indirectly place stone, cement or other impervious materials about any protected tree growing in the street right-of-way that will impede the free entrance of water or air to the roots without leaving an open and pervious space of ground about the trunk of not less than 16 square feet.
- No person shall remove, damage, misuse or attach any foreign object to any guard or device placed or intended to protect any tree growing in any public right-of-way on public lands.
- No person shall attach or place any rope, wire, sign, handbill or any other thing on any tree growing in the public right-of-way.
- No person shall plant any tree in the public right-of-way unless the Tree Commission approves such installation. The Tree Commission may prepare a list of tree species recommended as street trees.

### ***Rental Housing Business Licenses***

- No person shall conduct or operate either as owner, lessee, or agent, or in any capacity within the City any residence for rent (rental property), without having first obtained a Rental Housing Business License from the Public Services Department.

## **Celebrate National Trail Day with Delaware Greenways and the Trustees of the New Castle Common**

**Sat., June 4, 9-11:30 a.m.  
Broad Dike Trail  
Marking and Clean-Up**

Route 273 (Frenchtown  
Road ) and 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
(Parking at New Castle  
Middle School side yard)

Individuals and community service organizations are invited to join a celebration of National Trail Day by volunteering on Saturday, June 4 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The historic Hermitage House, burned in 2006, is the trail head of a system that will weave through the Broad Dike Marsh and nearby woodland. The trail will connect to New Castle's Industrial Track Greenway and provide new opportunities to walk and jog while enjoying views of a beautiful marsh ecosystem.

Volunteers will need to wear lightweight but long-sleeve shirts, long pants, sturdy shoes. They may also bring any of the following: work gloves, hand clippers, rakes, hand saw, protective eyewear. An RSVP would be appreciated:

[mjennings@delawaregreenways.org](mailto:mjennings@delawaregreenways.org)

## ***Sign Up for Recreation Program***

The City's Summer Recreation Program begins Tuesday, July 5 and runs on weekdays through Friday, August 12 (rain or shine). Hours are usually 8 a.m. to noon, however may run later on days with certain activities.

Registration is open to children ages 5 through 14 who reside within the City limits. Typical activities include a tour of the Court House, bowling, swimming and other trips. Program packets with details will be distributed prior to the start of camp.

**Registration Fee:** \$5 each child

The fee *does not* cover individual trip costs.

**Make check payable to:**

Mayor and Council of New Castle

For walk-in registration, bring a completed form (one for each child) to the City office, 220 Delaware St., weekdays, beginning June 6 through June 24. Sign-up is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Or, complete the form below and mail by June 17 to: New Castle City, 220 Delaware St., New Castle, DE 19720. Call 322-7489 with any questions.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Age of Child: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size (circle one): S M L XL